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ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 327/2022

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ADVOCATE FOR THE RESPONDENT NO.11: SUDHANSHU PRAKASH

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SHORT REPLY ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT NO. 11 (NTPC-KAHALGAON SUPER THERMAL POWER STATION)

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

- 1. The Respondent No.11 (NTPC-Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station) is filing the present short Reply to the captioned Original Application through, Mr.Jesudas Wemston, working as DGM (ADM) with the Respondent No. 11/Answering Respondent who is fully competent to sign, verify, institute, depose and file the present reply on behalf of the Respondent No. 11 and to do all necessary acts for the purpose of present proceedings vide Authorization Letter dated 17/03/2025. The true copy of the Authorisation Letter dated 17/03/2025 is attached herewith and marked as **Annexure-** R/1
- 2. That at the outset, the Respondent No.11 denies each and every averment, statement, allegation and contention made in the caption Original Application against the Respondent No. 11 which are inconsistent with the contents of the present Reply and save those which are specifically admitted hereinafter. Further nothing contained in the Original Application may be treated as admitted by the Respondent No. 11 merely for the want of specific traverse, unless specifically admitted in this reply.

- 3. The Respondent No -11- NTPC Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station in the ER-1 Region, is engaged in the business of generation of electricity and allied activities. The Kahalgaon STPP, located in District of Bhagapur, Bihar, is one of the coal based thermal power station of NTPC Ltd. The total installed capacity of the Kahalgaon STPP is 2,340 MW.
- 4. That the overarching responsibility for decision-making, operational management, and implementation of policies and practices in relation to all power plants of NTPC Limited lies with Corporate Office. The Corporate Office, as the apex body, oversees and manages the core functions, operational strategy, and compliance of NTPC Limited's power plants across the country, including those in Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Station.
- 5. It is therefore submitted that the Respondent No. 11, in principle, adopts the stand of Respondent No. 9, NTPC Corporate Office (which has filed its Statement of Objections in the connected matter i.e., O.A. No. 878/2022), and all necessary submission made by it in the present matter. It is submitted that the Corporate Office is the appropriate entity to address substantive issues concerning the operations, regulatory compliance, and environmental matters of the power plants.
- 6. That notwithstanding the limited role of Respondent No. 11 in the present Original Application, it is submitted that Respondent No. 11 remains compliant with all applicable norms, regulations, and guidelines pertaining to environmental standards. Respondent No. 11 is duty-bound to support and ensure adherence to such norms to the extent of its administrative responsibilities and functions.

- 7. That the present short reply is being filed to place on record the limited role and scope of responsibilities of Respondent No. 11 in the subject matter of the Original Application. The Respondent No. 11 respectfully reserves its right to file a detailed response, if required, with the leave of this Hon'ble Tribunal, as and when necessary.
- 8. That Respondent No. 11 submits this reply with utmost respect and commitment to assist this Hon'ble Tribunal in its adjudication of the matter. It is humbly prayed that the submissions of Respondent No. 11 may kindly be taken on record and considered in light of its limited role in the subject matter.
- 9. That accordingly, the prayers sought in the captioned Original Application is denied, and it is most respectfully prayed that the submissions of the Respondent No. 11 be kindly taken on record.

FOR RESPONDENT NO. 11

THROUGH

SUDHANSHU PRAKASH

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I, Jesudas Wemston S/o Shri. D. Stephen, working as DGM (ADM) in the office of Respondent No. 11, having its office at NTPC, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur-813214, Bihar, presently at Kahalgaon do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:-

- 1. I say that I am the authorized signatory of the Respondent No. 11 in the present matterand as such am competent to swear the present affidavit.
- 2. I say that I have read the contents of the above Reply and I have understood the contents of the same.
- 3. I say that the contents of the above Reply being filed by the Respondent No. 11 are based on the information available with the Respondent No. 11 in the normal course of business and believed by me to be true.
- 4. That the annexures from R/1 enclosed with the accompanying Reply to the Original Application No. 327/2022 are true copies of their respective originals.



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VERIFICATION

I, the deponent above-named, do hereby verify the contents of the above affidavit to be true to the best of my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

Verified at kalagamon this 1741 day of March, 2025.

Sdentifred by Prakass Mellos Advocate

17-03-2025

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NTPC Limited

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कहलगाँव / Kahalgaon

ANNEXURE-R/1

17/3/2025

AUTHORISATION LETTER

Shri.Jesudas Wemston, Emp:No: 035072, DGM(ADM) is hereby authorised to do all or any of the following acts on behalf of the company with reference to NGT case - OA No: 327/2022 - Amaravati Fly Ash Bricks Manufacturers Association Vs Union of India and OA 878/2022 - Tamilnadu Fly Ash Brick association Vs Union of India and others

- 1. To sign the vakalatnama, Counter/Reply, Affidavit and any other application & other relevant documents to be filed before NGT, Delhi
- 2. To attend all necessary and incidental matters in connection to it.

For & on behalf of NTPC, Kahalgaon

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(SANDEEP NAIK)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/HEAD OF PROJECT

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